

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2429 - HB 2796

March 11, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines "low-speed vehicle" as any four-wheeled electric vehicle, excluding golf carts, whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour, including neighborhood electric vehicles. Establishes low-speed vehicles as Class F motor vehicles with a registration fee of \$9.50. Specifies that low-speed vehicles may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. Authorizes local governments and the Department of Transportation to prohibit the operation of a low-speed vehicle on any road under their jurisdiction. Requires individuals operating low-speed vehicles to have a valid Class D driver license.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$5,000 One-Time Increase State Revenues - Less than \$5,000 Recurring

Estimate assumes:

- a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$2,500 for computer system changes.
- a one-time increase in state expenditures for production of license plates for low-speed vehicles at \$4 each.
- an increase in state revenues from the registration fee of \$9.50 and the title fee of \$5 paid on low-speed vehicles subject to registration and titling requirements.
- the impact depends on the number of vehicles registered under the provisions of the bill. Over time the revenues are estimated to cover the one-time costs and potentially exceed the estimated \$5,000 as more such vehicles are purchased and registered for operation in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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